



Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS)

Electronic Access to a Patient's Health Information to Improve Health and Well Being

CPRS enhances clinical decision-making by organizing and instantly displaying all relevant patient data in one convenient, comprehensive computer interface. Before making treatment decisions, a clinician can review an accurate overview of a patient's up-to-date information, including active problems, allergies, current medications, recent laboratory results, vital signs, and both inpatient and outpatient history.

As the workhorse of the Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (Vista), CPRS is flexible enough to be implemented in a wide variety of settings and is used by health care providers.

CPRS includes:

- ★ **Real-Time Order Checking** to alert clinicians to potential problems before an order is processed
- ★ **Notification System** to immediately alert health care providers of clinically significant events
- ★ **Templates** to assist the clinician in accurately and quickly producing progress notes, discharge summaries, consult results and other documents
- ★ **Clinical Reminder System** to promote preventive health care through timely clinical interventions such as examinations or patient education
- ★ **Remote Data View** to allow clinicians to access a patient's health information from another VA or Department of Defense facility; ensuring clinicians have the most current and comprehensive information to provide the best possible care
- ★ **Prescription Order Entry** to prevent errors made in filling prescriptions due to illegible handwriting and to provide a check against unusual dosages, allergies, and drug-to-drug interaction

